



COUNTY OF SANTA BARBARA CALIFORNIA

RESOLUTION HONORING THE GROWING GROUNDS 25TH ANNIVERSARY

WHEREAS, Transitions-Mental Health launched the Growing Grounds Farm on West Foster Road in 2000;
and

WHEREAS, Growing Grounds has been one of California's most effective and compassionate forms of treatment for adults challenged by mental illness; and

WHEREAS, Over the course of 25 years, Growing Grounds has provided paid employment, vocational training, therapeutic horticulture and guidance in securing jobs in the greater community to over 1,000 people living with mental illness; and

WHEREAS, Over the course of 25 years, Growing Grounds has been a source of volunteer opportunities for community members, service clubs, and local students; and

WHEREAS, Growing Grounds Farm is a business that puts the interests of people and planet ahead of financial gain, and represents one of the very first social enterprises in the state of California; and

WHEREAS, Growing Grounds provides hundreds of community members with fresh produce and beautiful flowers each month of the year; and

WHEREAS, Growing Grounds Farm of Santa Maria has been so successful it is one of three Growing Grounds social enterprise businesses, including a Nursery and a downtown store in San Luis Obispo.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Santa Barbara County Board of Supervisors does hereby proclaim the month of July 2025 as GROWING GROUNDS MONTH in Santa Barbara County, encouraging citizens to increase their understanding and awareness of mental wellness and to celebrate the remarkable achievement of Growing Grounds Farm.

PASSED AND ADOPTED by the Board of Supervisors of Santa Barbara County, State of California, this 15th day of July 2025, by unanimous vote of all members present.



ATTEST:

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Clerk of the Board

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